dustrial Estate; if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) to (d) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

**Mehrauli Postal Service**

1719. SHRI GAYA CHAND BHUYAN: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the deteriorating postal services in the Mehrauli Post Office under the New Delhi South-West Division due to excessive pressure and if so, what remedial steps Government propose to take in this regard;

(b) whether Government propose to open a branch post office with delivery facility in Vasant Kunj, a DDA colony; if so, by when and if not, what are the reasons therefor;

(c) whether it is a fact that Government acquired big plot near Mehrauli Bus Terminus for construction of Mehrauli Post Office Building sometime in 1984 but so far no construction has been started; and

(d) if the answer to part (c) above be in the affirmative whether Government propose to construct the said Post Office Buiding on priority basis so as to improve its functioning and also to provide better amenities to the departmental staff?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA): (a) No, Sir. Mehrauli Post Office is functioning properly with adequate staff to cope with the work load of the office.

(b) No, Sir. The mails for Vasant Kunj, DDA Colony area are being delivered through Mehrauli Post Office. At present, there is no justification for opening a delivery post office there.

(c) and (d) A plot measuring 941.24 square metres was taken possession from Delhi Development Authority near Mehrauli Bus Terminus in July, 1986. A building for the Post Office is proposed to be constructed on this plot on priority basis.

**Telephone connections in Delhi**

1720. SHRI D. B. CHANDRA GOWDA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the General Manager of Mahanagar Telephone Nigam has recently stated that 35,000 new telephone connections would be provided in Delhi during 1986; and

(b) if so, what are the details of the Telephone exchanges from which these lines would be given and whether it would defreeze the position in respect of exchanges which have been frozen; if so, to what extent?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The approximate number of telephone connections expected to be given during 1986-87 is given below exchange wise and correspondingly the position will ease in the respective areas of these exchanges:

| Exchange | Telephone Connections |
|---|---|
| Jor Bagh | 2,000 |
| Idgah | 2,000 |
| Delhi Gate | 1,500 |
| Hauz Khas | 4,000 |
| Laxmi Nagar | 1,300 |
| Tis Hazari | 5,000 |
| Shakti Nagar | 1,200 |
| Okhla | 2,500 |
| Nehru Place | 5,000 |
| Rajouri Garden | 8,000 |
| Karol Bagh | 1,500 |
| Other exchanges | 1,000 |
| | 35000 |